

Honors British Literature Summer Reading Assignment: 2009 - 2010

Assigned Works:

Hound of the Baskervilles, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Lord of the Flies, William Golding

Welcome to the wonderful world of Honors British Literature. As you know, an important component of the English program is the Summer Reading assignment. The three main goals of this assignment are to keep you active in reading, broaden your horizons, and challenge your thinking skills.

The Summer Reading Assignment is a graded assignment. Although we **will** discuss the readings in class, your knowledge of each work's content will be discerned in three (3) ways: a visual depiction, a written response, and an exam administered during the full first week of school. Please note: Discussions **on both novels will take place after the exam, not before.**

Poster Project:

Please choose one of the above novels to be the subject of a poster.

- Decide on a main theme / topic from one of the above works. Your poster will reflect this message.
- Design a poster (size 12 x 18") that depicts an important event / scene (or events / scenes) that reflects your chosen theme / topic in the novel. (Please do NOT use foam core or super-thick poster board.)
- Place the title of the work and the author's name clearly and legibly on the front of the poster so that it can be seen from a distance.
- Select a passage that supports the event that you have chosen to illustrate. Copy the entire quote (neatly and accurately) onto the front of your poster (it must be visible from a distance). Please edit your work! Spelling and neatness count!
- Posters are due on **Tuesday, August 18.**

Written Analysis and Exam: In-class Essay and Exam

- You will be writing a literary analysis in which you discuss the theme of one of the above works. This is a formal response, and as such should include an introduction with a thesis statement that states the purpose of your scene in relation to the entire novel. Supporting paragraphs should reinforce your thesis.
- The in-class essay is scheduled for **Thursday, August 20.**
- The Summer Reading exam is scheduled for **Friday, August 21.**